COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

TO: THE CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: MARCH 15, 1989

FROM:

THE CITY MANAGERS OFFICE

SUBJECT: SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE UTILITY VAN BODY TRUCK

(EUD-89-2)

<u>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</u> That the City Council authorize readvertisement for bids on one utility van body truck. The bid opening date has been set for Friday, April 7, 1989.

<u>BACKGROUND INFORMATION:</u> At the Council meeting of February 1, **1989**, the Council approved the specifications for one utility van body truck and authorized advertisement for bids thereon with a bid opening date set for Tuesday, February 21, **1989**.

At the bid opening, no bids were received. Subsequent to the bid opening, the Department contacted prospective bidders to determine the reason for the "no bids received" situation. De to concerns about conflict of interest among prospective bidders, i.e. body manufacturer vs. distributor, no bids were submitted by either entity. However, the City has been assured that both entities will in fact submit bids in a rebid situation.

The estimated cost of this purchase is \$28,000. Funding is included in the 1988-89 fiscal year budget,.

Henry J. Rice

Electric Utility Director

cc: Assist. Electric Utility Director
Electric Utility Superintendent
Purchasing Officer
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